



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Caltrans to Begin Final Cleanup on Burnt Ranch Slide**

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin hand scaling operations on State Route (SR) 299, one half mile west of Burnt Ranch near the Trinity/Humboldt county line, to remove additional material from a hillside known as McDonald's Bluff.

Crews will be operating from 8AM to 4PM, Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27, weather permitting, to remove some loose rock on the western slope of the bluff. No long term closures are anticipated but motorists can expect minor delays of up to 45 minutes.

Winter storms during the New Year's weekend reactivated the slide and Caltrans issued an emergency contract that had workers scaling the slope for six weeks. The enormous amount of unstable rock made the hillside too dangerous for hand scaling. Heavy equipment was used and approximately 80,000 cubic yards of material were removed.

Caltrans has been monitoring the site since scaling ceased on Saturday, February 25, 2006, and has observed very little activity in the areas worked by the contractors. Geologists have discovered additional loose material in an area on the western slope that needs to be removed.

Following these scaling operations minor work to repair the road surface, remove portable K-rail and clean-up will occur.

For information on road conditions, go to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/> or call 1-800-GAS-ROAD

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